

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-10, 12-14, 16-18 and 20 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 7, 8, 14, and 16 being the independent claims. Claims 11, 15, and 19 were previously cancelled. Claim 20 is sought to be amended. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Objections to the Claims

Claim 20 was objected to because of informalities. Claim 20 has been amended accordingly. Applicant respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-10, 12-14, 16-18, and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,192,340 to Abecassis (hereinafter Abecassis) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,616,876 to Cluts (hereinafter Cluts), and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,662,224 to Angwin (hereinafter Angwin). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

The disclosures of Abecassis, Cluts, and Angwin, alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest each and every element of claim 1. Specifically, the combination of references fails to teach or suggest at least the following portion of claim 1:

(b) selecting one or more specific clips from said plurality of selectable multimedia clips for playing by said at least one multimedia device, with said selecting of specific clips accomplished by user interaction with a menu generated by the server using wireless markup language (WML) standard;

(c) generating a playlist using WML standard in the media server wherein the selected one or more of said plurality of selectable multimedia clips is included therein;

(d) transferring said generated playlist from said selected media server to said at least one multimedia device

The present invention is a directed to two-way communication between the multimedia device and the media server. Angwin only discloses or suggests one-way communication - from the multimedia device to the display server.

Angwin discloses a system that provides an alternative display for pervasive computing devices (e.g. a personal digital assistant (PDA)). In Angwin, a PDA 22 communicates with a network 30 and "then utilizes the display server 26 to either replicate or replace display of the data processing system 20, 22 [PDA]." Col. 4, lines 45-47. PDA 22 provides a display information to the display server 26 using WML. However, nowhere in Angwin is it taught or suggested that display server 26 sends information back to PDA 22. Accordingly, Angwin does not teach or suggest "generating a playlist using WML standard in the *media server*" and "transferring said generated playlist from said selected media server to said at least one multimedia device," as recited in claim 1.

Nothing in Angwin suggests using the one-way communication protocol in a two-way system, such as taught by Abecassis or Cluts. More specifically, Angwin does not teach or suggest transmitting information from the display server to the multimedia device using WML or any other protocol. Accordingly, claim 1 is patentable over Abecassis, Cluts, and Angwin, alone or in combination.

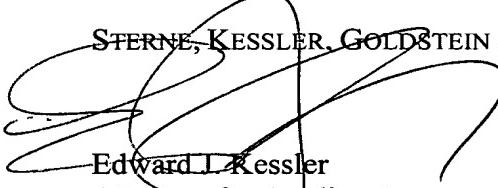
Claims 7, 8, 14, and 16 are also patentable over Abecassis, Cluts, and Angwin, alone or in combination, for at least the same reasons that claim 1 is patentable. Claims 2-6, 17, 18, and 20 depend on claim 1. Claims 9-10, 12 and 13 depend on claim 8. They are thus patentable over Abecassis, Cluts, and Angwin, alone or in combination for at least the reasons provided above. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1-10, 12-14, 16-18, and 20.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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